



THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE



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The Honorable Jeff Atwater
President of the Senate

The Honorable Larry Cretul
Speaker, House of Representatives

Dear Mr. President and Mr. Speaker:

Your Conference Committee on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on CS/CS/SB 1778, 1st Eng., same being:

An act relating to the Department of Highway Safety and
Motor Vehicles

having met, and after full and free conference, do recommend to their respective houses as follows:

1. That the House of Representatives recede from its Amendment 1.
2. That the Senate and House of Representatives adopt the Conference Committee Amendment attached hereto, and by reference made a part of this report.

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The Conference Committee Amendment for CS/CS/SB 1778, 1st Eng., relating to the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, provides for the following:

- Terminates the DUI Programs Coordination Trust Fund within the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (department) and provides for the transfer of current balances and revenues.
- Increases the fee for a copy of a crash report from \$2 to \$10.
- Increases the fee for failure to file an application for the transfer of a motor vehicle or mobile home title within 30 days of delivery from \$10 to \$20.
- Increases the fee for an original or duplicate certificate of title from \$24 to \$70 and from \$3 to \$49 for a vehicle for hire.
- Provides for a \$20 fee for each subsequent examination of a rebuilt vehicle certificate of title.
- Provides for a service fee of \$2.50 for the shipping and handling of each paper certificate of title mailed by the department.
- Increases the fee for expedited service on title transfers, title issuances, duplicate titles or recording of liens from \$7 to \$10.
- Increases the fee on license registrations to cover the cost of the Florida Real Time Vehicle Information System from 50 cents to \$1.25.
- Increases a service charge on registration receipt from \$2.50 to \$5 and the service charge for the issuance of a validation sticker from \$1 to \$3.
- Extends the life cycle of the license plate from 6 to 10 years and increases the cost of the plate from \$12 to \$28. The annual advanced replacement fee is increased from \$2 to \$2.80.
- Changes the term “retroreflective” to “retroflexion” and increases the fee from \$1 to \$1.50.
- Increases the fee imposed upon the initial application for registration of a vehicle from \$100 to \$225.
- Increases the annual license tax imposed for the operation of motor vehicles by 35%. This increase varies depending on the current flat rate based on the weight of the vehicle.
- Increases the surcharge imposed on commercial motor vehicles with a gross weight of 10,000 pounds or more from \$5 to \$10.
- Increases the surcharge imposed on each license tax imposed under s. 320.08, F.S., from \$2 to \$4.
- Increases the General Revenue Surcharge on the license tax from \$1 to \$5.50.
- Increases the processing fee charged for both prestige or specialty license plates from \$2 to \$5.
- Provides for the distribution of the Florida Golf license plate annual use fee to the Dade Amateur Golf Association and specifies that up to 10% of the proceeds from the annual use fee may be used for the administration of the Florida Junior Golf Program.
- Requires the department to develop an Autism license plate with an annual use fee of \$25, the proceeds of which are to be distributed to Achievement and Rehabilitation Centers, Inc., to fund service programs for autism and related disabilities.
- Clarifies the distribution of annual license tax revenues imposed on mobile homes to the county or municipality where the units are located.

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- Allows an importer or distributor of motor vehicles to purchase dealer license plates.
- Requires the department to annually transfer \$5 million from the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to the Transportation Disadvantaged Trust Fund in the Department of Transportation beginning July 1, 2011.
- Requires the department to assess a \$75 fee and a \$2.50 service charge for the publication of a notice of intent to establish or relocate an existing dealership to a location within a territory where the same line-make vehicle is presently represented by a franchised dealer.
- Provides for the distribution of revenues collected from voluntary checkoffs on both drivers license and motor vehicle registration applications.
- Increases the fee for the reexamination of a driver's license knowledge test from \$5 to \$10 and a skills test from \$10 to \$20.
- Expands the driver's license services for which a tax collector may charge a service fee, and increases that fee from \$5.25 to \$6.25.
- Increases the fee for driver history records from \$2.10 to \$8 for a 3 year history and from \$3.10 to \$10 for a 7 year history.
- Increases the driver's license delinquent fee for failure to renew within 12 months of expiration from \$1 to \$15.
- Increases the fee for an original, renewal or replacement identification card from \$10 to \$25.
- Increases fees associated with licensing of drivers:
 - Original Class E or Motorcycle use only – increased from \$27 to \$48
 - Renewal Class E or Motorcycle use only– increased from \$20 to \$48
 - Commercial Driver's License or Renewal – increased from \$67 to \$75
 - Replacement License – increased from \$10 to \$25
 - Increases drivers license reinstatement fees
 - Service fee for reinstatement of license suspended for failure to timely pay a fine, attend driver improvement school or appear at a scheduled hearing from \$47.50 to \$60
 - Service fee is increased from \$35 to \$45 following a suspension, and from \$60 to \$75 following a revocation.
 - Increases the reinstatement fee for revocation or suspension for refusal to submit to a breath, blood or urine test from \$115 to \$130
- Provides for a \$25 fee for a formal administrative review hearing, and a \$12.00 fee for an informal hearing on a license suspensions related to failure to submit to a breath, blood or urine alcohol test.
- Provides that an additional fee of \$12 be collected when installing an ignition interlock device and remitted to the department for deposit in the Highway Safety Operating Trust Fund to be used for the operations of the Ignition Interlock Device Program.
- Prohibits any DUI program offering probation services from referring clients to their own probation services program and directs the department to adopt rules to administer.